

REMARKS

The Office Action dated April 2, 2004 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claim 1 has been amended to place the subject matter in clear condition for allowance. New claim 10 has been added. No new matter has been added, and no new issues are raised which require further consideration and/or search. Claims 1-10 are submitted for consideration.

The drawings were objected to because Figures 8a, 8b and 8c include partial views. Figures 8a, 8b, and 8c have been amended. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

The abstract of the disclosure was objected to because its length exceeds 150 words. The abstract of the disclosure has been amended. Therefore, Applicant respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Therefore, Applicant respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn and claims 1-9 be allowed.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-9 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112,

second paragraph. As indicated above, claim 1 has been amended to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. It is therefore respectfully requested that all of claims 1-9 and new claim 10 be allowed and this application passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,

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